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WORLD MEAT PRODUCTION RECORD SET:

OUTPUT UP 4 PERCENT

Total red meat production in 42 major producing countries during 1966 was estimated at 120.7 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 1965 and 22 percent from the 1956-60 average. Increases were recorded in all geographic regions. South America showed the largest gain in red meat production, up 10.2 percent from a year earlier.

Compared with a year earlier, the 1966 output of beef and veal increased 5.4 percent, pork 1.7 percent, and mutton, lamb and goat, 8.2 percent. Of the total output, beef and veal comprised 53.0 percent, pork 39.1 percent, and mutton, lamb and goat, 7.4 percent. Horse meat accounts for about 0.5 percent of the world total and continues to decline in importance.

World meat production has risen at a rate roughly equal to increases in population, but output is lagging behind the rapidly expanding demand. This is especially true for beef in the industrialized areas where higher incomes have spurred the demand. The rate of growth in meat production in some areas has not kept pace with the population, but many of these countries are now launching new programs aimed at putting more meat in the diets of their people. A substantial expansion in world meat production is expected in the years ahead.

Meat production: Country rank, 1965 1/

Rank	Beef and veal		Pork	
	Country	Production : Mil. lb.	Country	Production : Mil. lb.
1.....	United States	19,744	United States	11,140
2.....	U.S.S.R.	7,310	U.S.S.R.	6,780
3.....	Argentina	4,603	Germany, West	4,262
4.....	France	3,571	France	3,025
5.....	Brazil	3,300	United Kingdom	2,055
6.....	Germany, West	2,467	Poland	2,049
7.....	Australia	2,126	Denmark	1,539
8.....	Canada	1,872	Brazil	1,314
9.....	United Kingdom	1,834	Germany, East	1,231
10.....	Italy	1,248	Netherlands	1,083
	Total.....	48,075	Total.....	34,478
Rank	Lamb, mutton, and goat meat		Total meat	
	Country	Production : Mil. lb.	Country	Production : Mil. lb.
1.....	U.S.S.R.	1,760	United States	31,535
2.....	Australia	1,266	U.S.S.R.	15,850
3.....	New Zealand	1,049	France	7,120
4.....	United States	651	Germany, West	6,774
5.....	United Kingdom	539	Argentina	5,390
6.....	Argentina	355	Brazil	4,735
7.....	France	297	United Kingdom	4,428
8.....	Spain	295	Australia	3,679
9.....	South Africa, Republic of	284	Poland	3,077
10.....	Turkey	272	Canada	2,926
	Total.....	6,768	Total.....	85,514

1/ Carcass weight basis. Horse meat is included in total meat for Eastern and Western Europe and U.S.S.R. Excludes Communist China.

Meat: Production by continent, average 1956-60,
annual 1964-66 ^{1/}

Continent	Beef and veal				Pork			
	Average:			^{2/}	Average:			^{2/}
	:1956-60:	1964	1965	1966	:1956-60:	1964	1965	1966
	:Mil.lb.:	Mil.lb.:	Mil.lb.:	Mil.lb.:	:Mil.lb.:	Mil.lb.:	Mil.lb.:	Mil.lb.:
North America....	17,578	22,231	22,745	23,659	12,520	14,054	12,670	12,889
South America....	9,951	10,024	10,252	11,140	1,789	1,996	2,126	2,255
Europe:								
Western--								
EEC.....	7,063	8,273	8,382	9,012	7,979	9,285	9,893	9,533
Other.....	3,799	4,445	4,258	4,517	4,950	6,040	6,365	6,317
Total Western :	10,862	12,718	12,640	13,529	12,929	15,325	16,258	15,850
Eastern.....	1,998	2,715	2,764	2,875	4,731	5,234	5,993	5,888
Total Europe..:	12,860	15,433	15,404	16,404	17,660	20,559	22,251	21,738
U.S.S.R.	5,250	6,750	7,310	7,870	5,360	4,630	6,780	7,280
Africa.....	1,120	1,348	1,353	1,373	122	110	119	140
Asia.....	667	914	906	805	1,131	1,721	2,070	2,505
Oceania.....	2,311	2,843	2,734	2,735	308	364	386	398
Grand total....:	49,737	59,543	60,704	63,986	38,890	43,434	46,402	47,205

	Mutton, lamb, and goat meat :				Total meat			
	Average:			^{2/}	Average:			^{2/}
	:1956-60:	1964	1965	1966	:1956-60:	1964	1965	1966
	:Mil.lb.:	Mil.lb.:	Mil.lb.:	Mil.lb.:	:Mil.lb.:	Mil.lb.:	Mil.lb.:	Mil.lb.:
North America....	876	876	810	809	30,992	37,188	36,251	37,385
South America....	726	664	791	1,113	12,470	12,688	13,173	14,511
Europe:								
Western--								
EEC.....	411	408	436	455	15,858	18,373	19,097	19,345
Other.....	1,034	1,220	1,237	1,310	9,897	11,822	11,971	12,246
Total Western :	1,445	1,628	1,673	1,765	25,755	30,195	31,068	31,591
Eastern.....	312	320	344	348	7,099	8,326	9,148	9,153
Total Europe..:	1,757	1,948	2,017	2,113	32,854	38,521	40,216	40,744
U.S.S.R.	1,610	1,940	1,760	1,940	12,220	13,320	15,850	17,090
Africa.....	280	299	314	332	1,522	1,757	1,786	1,845
Asia.....	257	287	291	295	2,107	2,964	3,314	3,637
Oceania.....	1,866	2,386	2,315	2,377	4,485	5,593	5,435	5,510
Grand total....:	7,372	8,400	8,298	8,979	96,650	112,031	116,025	120,722

^{1/} Carcass weight basis. Total meat figures include horse meat for continents where important; but exclude variety, rabbit, and poultry meat. ^{2/} Preliminary.

Meat: Production, by type, in specified countries, average 1956-60, annual 1964-66 1/ (continued)

Continent and country	Mutton, lamb, and goat meat				Total meat production			
	Average :				Average :			
	1956-60	1964	1965	1966	1956-60	1964	1965	1966
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
North America:								
Canada.....	32	29	25	23	2,355	2,776	2,926	2,925
United States.....	728	715	651	650	27,215	32,705	31,535	32,618
Mexico.....	116	132	134	136	1,422	1,707	1,790	1,852
Total.....	876	876	810	809	30,992	37,188	36,251	37,395
South America:								
Argentina.....	376	298	355	697	5,775	5,089	5,390	7,102
Brazil.....	86	112	121	125	4,164	4,554	4,735	4,640
Chile 4/.....	63	59	67	68	429	407	424	422
Colombia 4/.....	4	4	4	4	797	953	933	870
Paraguay.....	---	---	4	4	271	325	333	336
Peru.....	80	80	84	88	300	366	401	392
Uruguay.....	113	107	156	127	734	974	957	749
Total 5/.....	726	664	791	1,113	12,470	12,688	13,173	14,511
Europe:								
Western--								
EEC								
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	5	6	8	8	989	980	1,044	1,205
France.....	265	273	297	310	5,643	6,661	7,120	7,004
Germany, West.....	33	28	25	24	5,568	6,729	6,774	6,850
Italy.....	89	88	81	93	2,014	2,448	2,409	2,619
Netherlands.....	19	13	25	20	1,344	1,555	1,750	1,764
Total EEC.....	411	408	436	455	15,858	18,373	19,097	19,345
Austria 6/.....	3	3	3	3	791	859	865	870
Denmark.....	2	2	3	4	1,434	1,779	1,880	1,804
Finland.....	6	4	3	3	301	378	375	365
Greece.....	155	195	203	202	255	373	399	418
Ireland.....	90	103	99	105	503	617	664	690
Norway.....	32	33	35	37	261	290	296	303
Portugal.....	44	43	45	56	307	332	358	339
Spain.....	219	262	295	293	1,099	1,459	1,298	1,461
Sweden.....	3	4	5	6	746	811	816	878
Switzerland.....	7	7	7	7	480	560	596	584
United Kingdom.....	473	564	539	594	3,715	4,334	4,425	4,464
Total Western Europe.....	1,445	1,628	1,673	1,765	25,755	30,195	31,060	31,592
Eastern--								
Bulgaria.....	105	155	176	---	466	574	637	---
Czechoslovakia.....	4/ 6	4/ 3	---	---	1,066	1,254	1,369	---
Germany, East.....	---	---	---	---	1,384	1,604	1,716	---
Hungary.....	13	18	17	---	750	871	925	---
Poland.....	71	51	51	---	2,529	2,838	3,077	---
Yugoslavia.....	117	93	97	101	904	1,185	1,373	1,271
Total Eastern Europe 5/.....	312	320	344	343	7,099	8,326	9,148	9,143
Total Europe 5/.....	1,757	1,948	2,017	2,113	32,854	38,521	40,216	40,744
U.S.S.R.	1,610	1,940	1,760	1,940	12,220	13,320	14,850	17,000
Africa:								
United Arab Republic.....	39	39	30	37	321	366	323	356
South Africa, Republic of.....	241	260	284	295	1,201	1,392	1,463	1,490
Total.....	280	299	314	332	1,522	1,757	1,786	1,846
Asia:								
China, Taiwan.....	1	2	2	---	406	514	545	---
Japan.....	17	10	8	6	688	1,200	1,403	1,616
Philippines.....	7	9	9	10	575	749	825	916
Turkey.....	232	266	272	277	433	502	516	530
Total 5/.....	257	287	291	295	2,107	2,964	3,314	3,637
Oceania:								
Australia.....	1,013	1,310	1,266	1,335	2,977	3,771	3,679	3,713
New Zealand 7/.....	853	1,076	1,049	1,042	1,508	1,822	1,756	1,737
Total.....	1,866	2,386	2,315	2,377	4,485	5,593	5,435	5,450
Total 42 countries 5/.....	7,372	8,400	8,298	8,979	96,650	112,031	116,025	120,722

1/ Carcass weight basis; excludes variety, rabbit, and poultry meat. 2/ Includes edible pork fat but excludes lard and inedible greases. 3/ Preliminary. 4/ Commercial production with exception of pork in Colombia. 5/ Includes an allowance for missing data for countries shown. 6/ Variety meats included. 7/ Year ending September 30. 8/ Horse meat is included in Mexico, Paraguay, most European countries, Japan, and the Philippines.

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Meat: Production, by type, in specified countries, average 1956-60, annual 1964-66 1/

Continent and country	Beef and veal				Pork 2/			
	Average :				Average :			
	1956-60 :	1964 :	1965 :	1966 3/	1956-60 :	1964 :	1965 :	1966 3/
	Million : pounds	Million : pounds	Million : pounds	Million : pounds	Million : pounds	Million : pounds	Million : pounds	Million : pounds
North America:								
Canada.....	1,343	1,686	1,872	1,865	980	1,061	1,029	1,027
United States.....	15,353	19,459	19,744	20,631	11,134	12,531	11,140	11,337
Mexico.....	882	1,086	1,129	1,163	406	462	501	525
Total.....	17,578	22,231	22,745	23,659	12,520	14,054	12,670	12,889
South America:								
Argentina.....	4,988	4,452	4,603	5,849	411	339	432	556
Brazil.....	3,037	3,168	3,300	3,192	1,041	1,274	1,314	1,323
Chile 4/.....	308	293	302	298	58	55	55	56
Colombia 4/.....	683	830	813	761	110	119	116	---
Paraguay.....	218	266	271	272	---	---	54	57
Peru.....	141	203	211	196	79	103	106	108
Uruguay.....	576	812	752	572	45	55	49	50
Total 5/.....	9,951	10,024	10,252	11,140	1,789	1,996	2,126	2,255
Europe:								
Western--								
EEC								
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	452	478	472	509	490	469	538	571
France.....	2,963	3,355	3,571	3,750	2,503	2,793	3,025	2,739
Germany, West.....	2,114	2,572	2,467	2,632	3,375	4,105	4,262	4,176
Italy.....	1,053	1,264	1,248	1,502	795	1,001	985	936
Netherlands.....	481	604	624	619	816	917	1,083	1,111
Total EEC.....	7,063	8,273	8,382	9,012	7,979	9,285	9,893	9,533
Austria 6/.....	278	303	286	317	497	546	570	545
Denmark.....	320	340	329	342	1,099	1,425	1,539	1,530
Finland.....	151	216	212	188	135	147	152	162
Greece.....	49	104	117	129	51	74	79	87
Ireland.....	215	249	249	305	203	265	306	280
Norway.....	108	128	126	129	116	122	131	131
Portugal.....	86	102	135	124	172	181	173	154
Spain.....	310	496	391	446	532	685	565	680
Sweden.....	282	335	332	382	440	451	460	472
Switzerland.....	217	241	247	242	246	305	335	329
United Kingdom.....	1,783	1,931	1,834	1,913	1,459	1,839	2,055	1,947
Total Western Europe.....	10,862	12,718	12,640	13,529	12,929	15,325	16,258	15,850
Eastern--								
Bulgaria.....	140	167	209	---	221	252	310	---
Czechoslovakia.....	391	486	509	---	669	765	857	---
Germany, East.....	338	449	485	---	1,046	1,155	1,231	---
Hungary.....	197	211	216	---	516	632	675	---
Poland.....	641	1,006	942	---	1,792	1,738	2,049	---
Yugoslavia.....	291	396	403	463	487	692	871	705
Total Eastern Europe 5/.....	1,998	2,715	2,764	2,875	4,731	5,234	5,993	5,888
Total Europe 5/.....	12,860	15,433	15,404	16,404	17,660	20,559	22,251	21,738
U.S.S.R.	5,250	6,750	7,310	7,870	5,360	4,630	6,780	7,280
Africa:								
United Arab Republic.....	278	324	290	315	4	3	3	3
South Africa, Republic of.....	842	1,024	1,063	1,058	118	107	116	137
Total.....	1,120	1,348	1,353	1,373	122	110	119	140
Asia:								
China, Taiwan.....	6	18	11	---	399	494	532	---
Japan.....	298	494	473	338	325	657	898	1,245
Philippines.....	158	168	177	204	406	569	639	699
Turkey.....	205	234	245	252	1	1	1	1
Total 5/.....	667	914	906	805	1,131	1,721	2,070	2,505
Oceania:								
Australia.....	1,744	2,200	2,126	2,072	220	261	287	306
New Zealand 7/.....	567	643	608	663	88	103	99	92
Total.....	2,311	2,843	2,734	2,735	308	364	386	398
Total 42 countries 5/.....	49,737	59,543	60,704	63,986	38,890	43,434	46,402	47,205

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World beef and veal production in 1966 amounted to 64.0 billion pounds. Nearly a third of this total was produced in the United States where a new all time record of 20.6 million pounds was set in 1966. Production increased in North America mainly as a result of the 4.5 percent increase in beef production in the United States. The most significant regional gains in beef and veal production were recorded by South America, up 8.7 percent; USSR, up 7.7 percent; and EEC countries, up 7.5 percent.

The large increase in beef production in South America was due primarily to the 27 percent increase in Argentina. Beef supplies in Argentina in 1966 greatly outdistanced the demand, particularly in the export market. This led to increased domestic consumption. The Common Agricultural Policy of the EEC--mainly a restrictive import system of levies and duties--has given added price incentives to local producers to increase production. Reports of foot-and-mouth disease outbreaks in Western Europe had only a limited effect on total cattle slaughter in 1966.

Pork production in 1966 totaled 47.2 billion pounds, up slightly from 1965. Gains of 21 and 18 percent were recorded by Asia and Africa, respectively. USSR--where greater liberalization in regard to private plot livestock production is visible--showed a 7.4 percent gain over 1965 and 35.8 percent over the 1956-60 average. Pork production was down in most of the major producing countries throughout Europe. Although these countries were at the low point in the hog cycle in 1966, an upturn in the hog production is expected--particularly Western Europe--starting in the last half of 1967 and continuing in 1968.

Production of lamb, mutton and goat totaled about 9 billion pounds in 1966. The largest increases were recorded in South America and USSR. Oceania--the traditional heavy producer--showed only a nominal gain in 1966. A small reduction was recorded in North America where sheep and lamb production has been on the decline for the past several years.

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